

## Subcommittee Issues

### Department of Public Safety

- Provide a Table of Organization, a brief synopsis of each program or function within the Department of Public Safety (DPS), including FTE positions and dollars, and quantitative measures of success.
- Sex Offender Registry • The Code of Iowa requires registration with the Department of Public Safety by specified offenders. In addition, the Department must be notified of any information changes for a minimum of ten years after registration. As of September 1, 2000, there were 3,702 individuals registered with the Iowa Sex Offender Registry. There are approximately 1,950 sex offenders who have not had public notifications or risk assessments completed due to caseload backlog. In addition, approximately 20 public notifications a month are going uncompleted. Attached is the Sex Offender Registry Issue Review completed by LFB.
  - What risk assessment model does the Department of Public Safety use?
  - Are there any facts or figures regarding the effectiveness of this model?
  - What is the difference between moderate and high risk offenders?
  - What is the rationale behind placing moderate risk offenders in the newspaper?
  - Please address the backlog and all remedies that you are taking to rectify the situation.
- State Patrol — The Capitol Police Division was merged into the Iowa State Patrol as District 16 on November 16, 2000 by action of the Commissioner. The Department of Public Safety requests that 27.00 FTE positions and \$1,391,412 from the Capitol Police Division be included in the Iowa State Patrol budget. Of the 27.00 FTE positions, 5.00 FTE positions are ineligible for Trooper status for the following reasons: Four officers are too young (22 years of age is the minimum age to be a State Trooper) and one has not attended the Department of Public Safety Academy (18 years of age is the minimum age for Capitol Police and attendance is required by all employees). Negotiations continue with the State Peace Officer's Council (SPOC) and the Iowa Department of Personnel (IDOP).
  - Please address the questions in the attached memo from Representative Horbach.
  - Do you presently provide security for the whole Capitol Complex?
  - What is the status of the negotiations process with SPOC and IDOP?

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- Sick Leave Payout – The Department of Public Safety is requesting to transfer sick leave payout from the State Patrol into a separate fund. The total amount requested to transfer is \$309,000.
  - Please address the payout policy and the unfunded liability associated with this non-reversionary fund.
  - What is the average cost per year for sick leave payout?
  - How will this fund be set up?
  - Who will be paying into the fund? Will DPS continue to contribute \$309,000 yearly?
  - Will accrued interest on the fund balance remain in the fund?
- Methamphetamine and Drug Use in Iowa – In FY 1999, SF 361 (Methamphetamine Act) specified that a clandestine laboratory emergency response team be composed of five narcotics agents, one Fire Marshal special agent, five State Patrol officers, one Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) criminalist, and one Division of Narcotics Enforcement technical staff position. The Department of Public Safety has since re-organized the teams and designated ten State Troopers to a special enforcement team for the purposes of drug interdiction. The Governor is recommending \$175,728 and 2.00 FTE positions for drug interdiction. The Department of Public Safety is requesting an additional 10.0 FTE positions for State Troopers and 3.0 FTE positions for Communications Operators and a total of \$996,000 for drug interdiction. This would be the second drug interdiction team in Public Safety consisting of ten State Troopers. The Department is requesting an additional 6.0 special agent FTE positions in the Division of Narcotics Enforcement and \$660,000 to expand the current efforts to reduce the supply of illegal drugs. The Governor is recommending an additional \$594,000 and 6.00 FTE positions to expand the current efforts to reduce the supply of illegal drugs.
  - Please review the present drug interdiction and enforcement efforts.
  - Please provide statistics to address the success rate of these teams.
  - How will additional narcotics officer positions be utilized?
  - Please provide the Subcommittee with a staffing pattern of narcotics officers across the State.
- Crime Lab – The Department of Public Safety has a request for an additional five criminalists to reduce the turn-around time on all crime lab cases. The Department's crime lab already has a space problem.
  - Please address the space issue in regards to what you are presently doing and what you propose to do in the meantime until space can be secured and a building can be built.
  - In FY 2001, the Department of Public Safety received \$156,000 and 4.00 FTE positions (Administrative Assistant 2's). Have these positions been filled?

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- Gaming Enforcement Officers and 100% reimbursement – The Department of Public Safety is requesting an additional two gaming enforcement officers and \$94,000. The Department is proposing to pay for the additional officers with 100% reimbursement rate from gaming enforcement. Presently, the reimbursement rate is 80%. The Governor has budgeted \$1,352,333 in new revenue that the 100% gaming enforcement, is estimated to generate.
  - Provide a current staffing pattern of gaming enforcement officers at all gaming facilities.
  - Please address the need for 2.00 additional Gaming Enforcement Officers.
- Fire Marshal – In FY 2001, the building plan review fees received by the Fire Marshal's Office were to be deposited into the General Fund.
  - How much revenue did the new Code fee generate?
  - Does the Department of Public Safety propose Code changes to allow the Fire Marshal's Office to keep the receipts rather than depositing the fees into the General Fund?
- State contracts – Review the types of services for which the DPS contracts, such as data processing services. Are these contracts more cost effective than simply hiring State employees? Comparison of hourly rate.